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§12–107.

- (a) The Authority consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.
- (b) The nine members shall be appointed as follows:
  - (1) one member from a list submitted to the Governor by the Associated Utility Contractors of Maryland;
  - (2) one member from a list submitted to the Governor by the Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland;
  - (3) two underground facility owners that are members of a one-call system from a list submitted to the Governor by the Maryland members of the Maryland/DC Subscribers Committee;
  - (4) one member from a list submitted to the Governor by the one-call centers operating in the State;
  - (5) one member who represents the State's underground utility locator community from a list submitted to the Governor by the Maryland members of the Maryland/DC Damage Prevention Committee;
  - (6) one member who has experience in the field of underground utilities from a list submitted to the Governor by the Maryland Association of Counties;
  - (7) one member who has experience in the field of underground utilities from a list submitted to the Governor by the Maryland Municipal League; and
  - (8) one member of the general public from a list submitted to the Governor by the other appointed and qualified members of the Authority.
- (c) To the extent practicable, members appointed to the Authority shall reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, and gender diversity of the State.
- (d) (1) The term of a member is 2 years.

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Authority on October 1, 2010.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(5) A member may not be appointed for more than two consecutive full terms.

(6) To the extent practicable, the Governor shall fill any vacancy in the membership of the Authority within 60 days after the vacancy.

(e) On the recommendation of the Authority, the Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

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